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The Patron of Albany

[From the Newark Advertiser of the 20th.]
Stephen Van Rensselaer, the patron of Albany, died yesterday in that city, in the 80th year of his age. His death is interesting, principally because he, with his estate, was one of the last vestiges of feudalism, and of the old relation of lord and vassal in the United States.
In 1630, and subsequently, Killian Van Rensselaer purchased land in the immediate vicinity of Fort Orange, now Albany, forming a tract of twenty-four miles in breadth by forty-eight in length. This estate was ceded upon the old conditions of the feudal tenure. Its lord and master was known as the Patron. Was entailed upon the successive oldest sons and nearest kin. The system of tenantry was that which prevailed over Europe at the time, and which still exists on the "Manor of Rensselaerwyck."

The tenant was almost a vassal, belonging to the soil. His lease ran, in some cases, "while trees grow and waters run," in others, for ninety-nine years, and in others still, for two or three lives. The rent was not to be paid in money, but in tribute. The tenant was to deliver to the lord of the manor, so many bushels of wheat, etc., and at his kitchen door, he was to hand, so many chickens and eggs, and so much of each of the various kinds of farm produce. At the time the terms were liberal, and even generous. The tenants knew no other mode of life. The lord of the manor was the object of their highest veneration, and a happier, more stupid set of people never lived than those who dwelt upon the Manor of Rensselaerwyck. The happiness has long since departed. The stupidity, in part, remains. Yet there was never any unkindness on the part of the Patron. He was moderate in his demands, and in all his matters; he exacted a subservience and homage in demeanor, which, however, suited to colonial times, became decidedly unfashionable after the era of the American Republic. Men who vote expect that office-holders shall take off their hats.

However, the estate went on. The courts sustained the leases, and no serious trouble occurred, until twenty-five or thirty years ago, when the tenants found themselves discontented. The formalities had died out with the advancing democracy of the age, but the manner of paying the rent was troublesome and childish. Even when this was a large extent, the tenants insisted that the land, on which they and their ancestors had lived for two centuries, belonged to them by right of long holding; that the whole tenure of the Patron was legally right. Finally, a Mr. Philip Church, from Albany county, N. Y., appeared upon the scene. Through him a reconciliation was effected; just how we do not know, but we imagine that he learned the entire estate, and made generous concessions to the tenants. So the Manor of Rensselaerwyck was saved, and the "Anti-Rent War" was ended.

Of the succession of Patrons, Stephen, who died yesterday, was the sixth in lineal descent. Up to the Revolutionary war, none of the Van Rensselaers seem to have been conspicuous, aside from their wealth and dignity. In that crisis of the nation, Stephen, the fifth (and father of him who died yesterday), was too young to take a part. He was a student at Princeton, and was removed thence to Harvard, on account of the proximity of the British army; a fact which shows the republican sentiment of the family. After the Revolutionary war he served in the war of 1812, endowed the Rensselaer Institute, and died, as even rich men must, in 1839, at the age of seventy-five.

His successor, the subject of this sketch, had enough on his hands to manage his refractory tenants who were just then getting troublesome, without taking any part in public affairs. His death has no especial mark; but his estate and the prayer book says "his condition in life" are an anomaly in our political institutions worthy of some remark. His warfare of life was the "Indians," as the disguised anti-renters were called. Requested in press.

PAY YOUR PREACHERS.—It is an evil of the present day in all denominations in the South, that their ministers are not properly paid.

We have often been pained to see this fact noted in the proceedings of the annual assemblies of the various denominations of Christians.

It is true that the State has been terribly desolated by war, and that the people are not so well off by a good deal as they were before 1860. But so much the greater need for exertion in behalf of those who have devoted themselves to the spiritual welfare of their flocks; who cannot pursue any other calling by which to obtain a livelihood, and who, from the nature of their profession, have but little time to look after their worldly affairs.

Truly the condition of a clergyman is a pitiable one, who has to perform the onerous duties of his parish, and yet is not furnished by his parishioners with the wherewithal to support himself and family.

The Master has told us that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and surely it is the case everywhere on this earth, it is in Virginia, for the labor of a faithful clergyman in our State are always very severe.

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Norfolk Journal.

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